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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of Col. Lj. Stojadinovic, Head of the Information Service of the General Staff of the Army of Yugoslavia, concerning the reports in certain media on the alleged involvement of the Army of Yugoslavia in the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

There are no units of the Army of Yugoslavia in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We do not exclude the possibility that citizens of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are fighting in the units of the Army of the Republic of Srpska as volunteers, including some former members of the Army of Yugoslavia.

We are convinced that the Yugoslav and world public knows that a great number of mercenaries, fanatics, adventurists or volunteers from Islamic countries are fighting in the Muslim army against Serbs in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Volunteers from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as free people, cannot be denied the right to decide on their own destiny and fight for the survival of their people, all the more so since, in its struggle against Serbs, Islamic fundamentalism has already assumed planetary proportions.

The troops and heavy weapons of the Army of Yugoslavia have not been moved towards Bosnia or any other State. They are moving exclusively on the sovereign territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia according to assessments which imply the right to create the most favourable conditions for the defence of the sovereignty and safeguarding of peace of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its citizens. The most recent allegations against the Army of Yugoslavia justify this caution in the most direct way.